

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 09 July 2024****Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity**

B/552 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the Director General of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will state if he has been made aware of any complaint regarding the use of the official vehicles of the Corporation for personal use by the latter and, if so, indicate the actions, if any, envisaged in relation thereto?

B/553 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the new mobile identity card, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if provision has been made for the use thereof for the authentication of voters electronically in the next General Election and, if so, indicate the (a) technical framework devised therefor and (b) type of equipment to be used to read the card?

B/554 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Mr Bodha**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to private television, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Independent Broadcasting Authority, information as to the number of applications therefor received since May 2023 to date?

B/555 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Ms Tour**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to a road accident which occurred on 24 September 2023 at Petit Camp Branch road at around 13 00 hrs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the Police inquiry initiated thereinto, indicating (a) the number of vehicles involved therein, giving details thereof (b) the casualties resulting therefrom, if any and (c) if the driver/s were subjected to any alcohol and/or drug test?

B/556 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the alleged cases of drug dealing against Mr A. B. and Ms D. D. M., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiries initiated thereinto?

B/557 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Anquetil**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether in regard to the High-Level Committee on the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence, he will state the implementation status of the strategies of the National Strategy and Action Plan as at date?

B/558 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (**Mr Wochit**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to drug consumption offences, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof in Constituency No. 5, Pamplemousses and Triolet, since 2019 to date on a yearly basis, indicating in each case the (a) age group thereof and (b) number of deaths resulting from overdose, if any?

B/559 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the Police enquiries initiated for more than four years ago, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof still awaiting completion?

B/560 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Mr Bodha**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the last recruitment exercise in the Mauritius Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of Police Officers (a) recruited and (b) who underwent training, indicating the number thereof, if any, who left after the training?

B/561 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Ms Tour**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the alleged case of molesting of employees of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation at a political gathering in Port Louis on 01 May 2024, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto and, if so, indicate if any arrest has been effected as at date?

B/562 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to government vehicles put at the disposal of Dr N. R., GCSK, FRCP, former Prime Minister, since 2005 to 2014, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) number thereof, indicating their respective registration number plates and make and (b) number of the said vehicles, if any, used by third parties, indicating if the services of Police officers were provided during the use thereof?

Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity

B/563 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity –

Whether, in regard to the National Pension Fund and the National Solidarity Fund, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to placements thereof effected as at date, respectively, giving details thereof?

B/564 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to the refund under the Home Loan Scheme, he will state if same will be extended to Rodrigues?

B/565 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (**Mr Woochit**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the recurrent water cuts affecting the regions of Triolet, Trou aux Biches, Pointe aux Piments and Morcellement St. André, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the measures being implemented to address same?

B/566 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training –

Whether, in regard to the National Skills Development Programme, he will state the amount disbursed therefor since October 2022 to date, indicating the number of participants having benefited therefrom?

B/567 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Assirvaden)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Fort George Power Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the scope of works to the tune of 12 million rupees undertaken by Hyundai Co. Ltd., thereat, giving details of the payment schedule thereof?

B/568 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –

Whether, in regard to the construction of drain network at Verger Bissambar, Mont Roches, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, information as to where matters stand, indicating (a) when contract therefor will be allocated and (b) the expected completion date thereof?

B/569 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Anquetil)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare –

Whether, in regard to the Baie du Tombeau Child Day Care Center, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the cleaning logistics put in place for the maintenance of the yard thereof?

B/570 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives –

Whether, in regard to the cooperatives societies registered at her Ministry, she will state the different schemes and the respective fiscal incentives extended thereto, indicating in each case the criteria to benefit therefrom?

B/571 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to the case filed by the Republic of South Africa at the International Court of Justice for alleged violation by the State of Israel of its obligations under the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in relation to Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, he will state the stand the Government of Mauritius proposes to take thereon?

B/572 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Mr Bodha**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security –

Whether, in regard to local food production, he will state the quantity thereof produced yearly since 2019 to date, indicating the (a) total quantity imported and (b) costs thereof?

B/573 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) declared as one of the global public health threat by the World Health Organisation, he will state the measures envisaged to combat same in Mauritius?

B/574 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Ms Tour**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives –

Whether, in regard to cooperative societies, she will state the number thereof registered at her Ministry as at date, indicating the grant scheme available thereto, further indicating the (a) quantum disbursed for financial year 2023-2024 and (b) processing time for the allocation of funds thereto?

B/575 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Joanna Bérenger**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to the Taiwan fishing boat YU FENG 67 which wrecked on the reef of St Brandon Island in December 2022, he will state where matters stand as to the (a) removal of pollutants, including diesel oil (b) salvaging thereof and (c) reimbursement of the costs incurred in relation thereto?

B/576 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether he will state if he has been made aware of recurrent water supply disruptions in the region of Kensington in Pointe aux Sables and, if so, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the remedial actions envisaged therefor?

B/577 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Dr Gungapersad**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training –

Whether, in regard to the National Training and Reskilling Scheme, he will state the training centres having benefitted thereunder for the last five years, giving a list thereof, indicating the total amount paid thereto annually?

B/578 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Assirvaden)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Pipe Replacement Programme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the number of contracts awarded thereunder to Great Standard Solution Ltd., since the inception thereof to date, indicating, in each case, the (a) contract value thereof and (b) number of kilometres of pipe laid?

B/579 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Doolub)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Service, Administrative and Institutional Reforms –

Whether, in regard to the introduction of the Centralised Work Placement Scheme by the Ministry for university students seeking job placement in the Public Service, he will state where matters stand, indicating the date of the coming into effect thereof?

B/580 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Woochit)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security –

Whether, in regard to vegetables, fruits, fish and meat, he will state the strategic plan put in place by his Ministry to achieve self-sufficiency in the production thereof?

B/581 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Juman)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the In-house pipes replacement works undertaken by the Central Water Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the amount (a) paid for the procurement of pipes, fittings and equipment and (b) of fees paid in terms of manpower therefor for the financial year 2023-2024?

B/582 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to minor drug-users, he will state the (a) reported number of cases thereof since 2019 to 2023 on a yearly basis and for the period January 2024 to date, indicating their respective age and sex (b) number thereof having been successfully treated against drug addiction, giving details of the rehabilitation programmes therefor and (c) number of deaths thereof resulting from overdose, if any?

B/583 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –

Whether, in regard to Artificial Intelligence, she will state the measures/protocols her Ministry proposes to develop to control the use thereof at the tertiary education level with a view to maintaining the standard of the examinations in our educational system?

B/584 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Service, Administrative and Institutional Reforms –

Whether, in regard to the Enhancement of Work Environment Programme, he will state (a) the number of projects funded thereunder for financial year 2023-2024, indicating (i) the types thereof and (ii) the amount disbursed in each case and (b) if the scheme will be maintained for financial year 2024-2025?

B/585 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Mr Bodha**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to the 2000 arpents of land which are managed by Landscape Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of planters who have benefitted therefrom, indicating the number thereof in the regions of La Marie, Glen Park and Plaine Sophie?

B/586 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change –

Whether, in regard to the oil spill incident in a watercourse at Pointe aux Sables on Tuesday 02 July 2024, he will state the (a) source and volume thereof (b) consequential damages caused to the environment and the ecosystem, if any (c) cleaning and restoration action plan put in place therefor, indicating the costs thereof and (d) measures being envisaged to avert the recurrence thereof?

B/587 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness–

Whether following the recent outbreaks of Dengue and Cholera in Africa and the neighbouring islands, he will state if the Public Health Emergency Operations Command in Mauritius has been activated for the surveillance thereof, giving details thereof?

B/588 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Dr Gungapersad**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Research Innovation Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom information as to the amount of fund allocated to each research scheme for the past five financial years, indicating the (a) amount spent thereon in each financial year and (b) processing time for the award a research scheme?

B/589 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Assirvaden**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the General Manager of the Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to the terms and conditions of the contract of employment thereof, indicating the date of appointment?

- B/590 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)
To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –
Whether, in regard to the National Blood Transfusion Service, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if any case of alleged harassment has been reported against the Blood Donor Coordinator and, if so, indicate the actions taken in relation thereto?
- B/591 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha**)
To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –
Whether, in regard to the two main roads leading to Albion which become inaccessible during heavy rainfall, he will state the remedial actions envisaged therefor?
- B/592 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Dr Gungapersad**)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training –
Whether, in regard to the Human Resource Development Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom information as to the name and qualifications of the Director thereof, indicating the (a) terms and conditions of the contract of employment and (b) mode of recruitment thereof?
- B/593 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping –
Whether, in regard to fishermen cards, he will state the total number thereof issued since April 2023 to date, island-wise, indicating the number thereof issued for the region of Mahebourg?

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A/45 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to the construction of the Immigration Square Urban Terminal, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to where matters stand, indicating when works therefor are expected to start?

A/46 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity –

Whether, in regard to the Social Security Office situated at Astor Court Building in Port Louis, she will state (a) the regions falling under its purview and (b) if she has been made aware of the long queues thereat and, if so, indicate the (i) the reasons therefor and (ii) remedial measures being envisaged to address same, further indicating if consideration will be given for the setting up of another local office in Port Louis, in view of the increasing number of claimants?

A/47 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –

Whether, in regard to the reconstruction of the Abdool Raman Abdool Government School, she will state the scope of works for Phases II and III, indicating where matters stand for each phase?

A/48 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change –

Whether, in regard to works being undertaken on road B103 at Chamarel, he will state if an Environmental Impact Assessment has been undertaken thereon and, if not, why not and, if so, when and table copy of the report?

A/49 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare –

Whether, in regard to the last report submitted by the Committee on the Rights of the Child, she will state the recommendations thereof which have been implemented as at to date?

A/50 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security –

Whether, in regard to the long tail macaques, he will state if (a) the population thereof is being monitored and (b) any survey has been conducted thereon to date and, if so, table copy of the report thereof?

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